

As a licensed Amateur Radio Operator, I am asking the FCC to reconsider its immediate support for Broadband over Power Line (BPL) technology. I am not against BPL and I do believe it is a technology that should be developed. However, I am concerned about quickly approving full implementation. The FCC's sudden interest to support and implement this new technology, without fully understanding the ramifications for other private and commercial service, is very concerning.

Implementing BPL without fully understanding the consequences has the potential to eliminate communications across almost all commercial and amateur frequencies. Even today, in areas where heavy concentrations of power and cable TV lines exists, broadband noise has become intolerable. This interference is caused by poor maintenance of power lines by the providers and impacts most, if not all commercial and Amateur radio. Once these same power lines start injecting RF, the ability to communicate on anything short of a paid cellphone or satellite service will be greatly impaired.

After 9/11 it would seem the FCC's primary focus would be to insure a network or reliable communications and not just one service that financial benefits one industry. As an Amateur Radio Operator, it is true I am concerned about my "hobby". However the hobby is also my business and provides my community with a sense of security. BPL has the ability to eliminate both my ability to provide emergency communications and earn a living.

While Amateur Radio may not always be "cutting edge" technology, it is a proven resource that has come through in every emergency. Most always, when commercial services like BPL have failed. Why let BPL, a non-critical new service, potentially eliminate Ham Radio and other proven reliable services? To make more frequencies available to paid commercial services? I would certainly hope not.

As the watchdog for all communications, the FCC should not jump quickly into supporting one commercial interest with so much negative potential. Please reconsider implementing BPL until it can be properly researched and all possible ramifications understood.

Best regards,
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